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Keystone Well Spudded In Thursday--Burk-Waggoner Spuds In Tuesday!

FARM IMPLEMENTS

At Saving Prices

Our Farm Implements are manufactured by the largest implement concerns in the world. We always carry a stock of parts for repair purposes. Our prices are **RIGHT**. You'll say so too after you price elsewhere.

Riding Planters	\$55.00
Walking Planters	21.00
Riding Cultivators	75.00
Walking Cultivators	45.00
Drag Harrows, 60-tooth	25.00
Disc harrows, with tongue	
truck	75.00
Stalk cutters	65.00
Wagons, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ complete	155.00
Wagon without brake or bed	110.00

HENRY ASKEY

Meridian Garages Summit

COFFEE IN RACE FOR LEGISLATOR

Paradise Man Will Campaign Close of School Term in State University

Mr. Roy C. Coffee of Paradise, announces in this week's Messenger as a candidate for representative of Wise county in the state legislature. Mr. Coffee was reared on a farm between Paradise and Bridgeport; taught school; is a graduate of the state normal college of Denton, and this year will receive B. A. degree from state university. He has successfully represented the normal college and the university of Texas in oratorical contests, being a member of intercollegiate debating teams. He went into the army, but finished his training too late to go to France. At the present time he is attending the state university, where he is paying his own expenses by work in the university. Mr. Coffee is a splendid young man, and his achievements in securing an education and equipping himself for the battles of life attest in a most substantial way his industry and ability. As a speaker he is recognized as one of the most eloquent in this section. He is a clean, honorable young man, and if the voters of Wise county see fit to elect him to represent them in the lower house of the state legislature he will give his best efforts to the duties of the office. Upon completing his course in the university, Mr. Coffee will return to Wise county and enter actively into the campaign.

WOODY ANNOUNCES FOR COMMISSIONER, PREC. 4 AND 5

Mr. G. Q. Woody of the Rhom-Aurora community, announces this week as a candidate for commissioner of precinct 4 and 5. This young man is about 38 years of age; he is a member of that pioneer family which blazed the way for present day civilization in this county; he is a native and to the manner born, and believes in and stands for the biggest and best interests of Wise county. He is progressive and is one of the most enthusiastic public road builders in this section. If elected commissioner Mr. Woody will give his best efforts to the duties of the office, and at all times he will work for the precinct at large. He will know no favorites, and no neighborhood will be given preference in the work of building up the roads. Honest and impartial performance of his sworn duties will characterize the labors of Mr. Woody if his constituents elect him to the position he seeks.

PLAINVIEW GIVES GOOD CITIZENS TO DECATUR COMMUNITY

Mr. H. F. Gillette of Plainview has purchased the Boyd farm northeast of Decatur, and is now moving on it with his family. In the acquisition of this splendid family the best interests of Decatur and vicinity make substantial gains. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Gillette and two children, son and daughter, who are at present attending colleges in Fort Worth and Dallas. They are well-to-do, cultured and progressive people. Mrs. Gillette was in town Monday, awaiting the arrival of her household effects, and while here she gave the Messenger office a pleasant call, and subscribed for the Messenger. Mrs. Gillette is a charming lady, and she stated that she was delighted with Decatur people. She is an enthusiastic member of the Episcopal church.

J. R. BARTON'S DEATH IN WACO SHOCK TO HIS FRIENDS HERE

J. R. Barton, who died in Waco Tuesday, Feb. 17, was well known to a large number of Decatur citizens, who became acquainted with him while he was teaching in the Decatur high school. He was a fine fellow, and life, it seemed, had great store to reward his energy and capability. He was a brother of our friend, H. W. Barton of this city. The following is taken from the Waxahachie Light: "At the time of his death J. R. Barton was engaged in the real estate business in Waco and was identified with the firm of B. N. Barton and company of this city. He had resided in Waco for about ten years. For four years he was teacher of English in the Waco public schools. He had a host of friends in that city, by whom he was most highly esteemed and respected for his sterling characteristics and virtues. He had been eminently successful in his business dealings because of his unquestioned integrity. His life of fair play manifested in every transaction."

PASTORS UNITED IN GREAT WORK

Gathering in Dallas Results in Launching State-wide Fight Against Evil

The following is the report of the finding committee of the pastors' conference of Texas, held in Dallas February 17, 18 and 19: "To the Pastors' Conference in Session in Dallas, Texas, February 17-19, 1920: Fathers and Brethren:—We acknowledge with gratitude the gracious leadings of God's Providence in all things. We record with reverent hearts the profound conviction that this movement is of God. It has been in session of spiritual fellowship when more than eight hundred pastors of our Protestant churches of Texas have been sitting together for three days thinking about and praying about the common interests of the kingdom of our common Lord and Master. Our hearts have been moved with this earnest of the fellowship that is to be ours after the victory is won. The Interchurch World Movement is not a scheme for organic union but a plan whereby the Protestant churches of America may co-operate in carrying on their educational, missionary and benevolent programs, at home and abroad. It is first of all an effort to survey the needs of the whole world, and measure the whole responsibility of the church. This is the first time in history that the christian churches of North America have ever attempted to study the condition of the whole world. These surveys stand before the christian church as the greatest challenge it has ever faced since it received the great commission," and they have revealed the magnitude of the unfinished task and the inadequacy of the efforts which the church has as yet put forth.

"It further proposes a program by which the churches may unitedly attack their common task. That task is fourfold: To bring the whole church to a recognition and acknowledgement of the stewardship of life and possessions; to enlarge the scope and improve the methods of missionary education; to win souls; the chief business of the church; and to enlist the whole life of the church for christian service. We approve the spirit and progress of the movement since the world survey conference was presented to us by the interchurch leaders at the Texas pastors' conference. We feel that this is a program in which all the churches of Christ could co-operate and venture to hope that the day may come when they will be found in such fellowship of service.

"We recommend the approval of the findings of the Atlantic City conference.

"We urge that our pastors in their respective ecclesiastical fellowships use every influence to secure adequate support for the ministry and an adequate provision for the care of the aged and infirm ministers and their dependents, and we are persuaded that the realization of this program will make this possible.

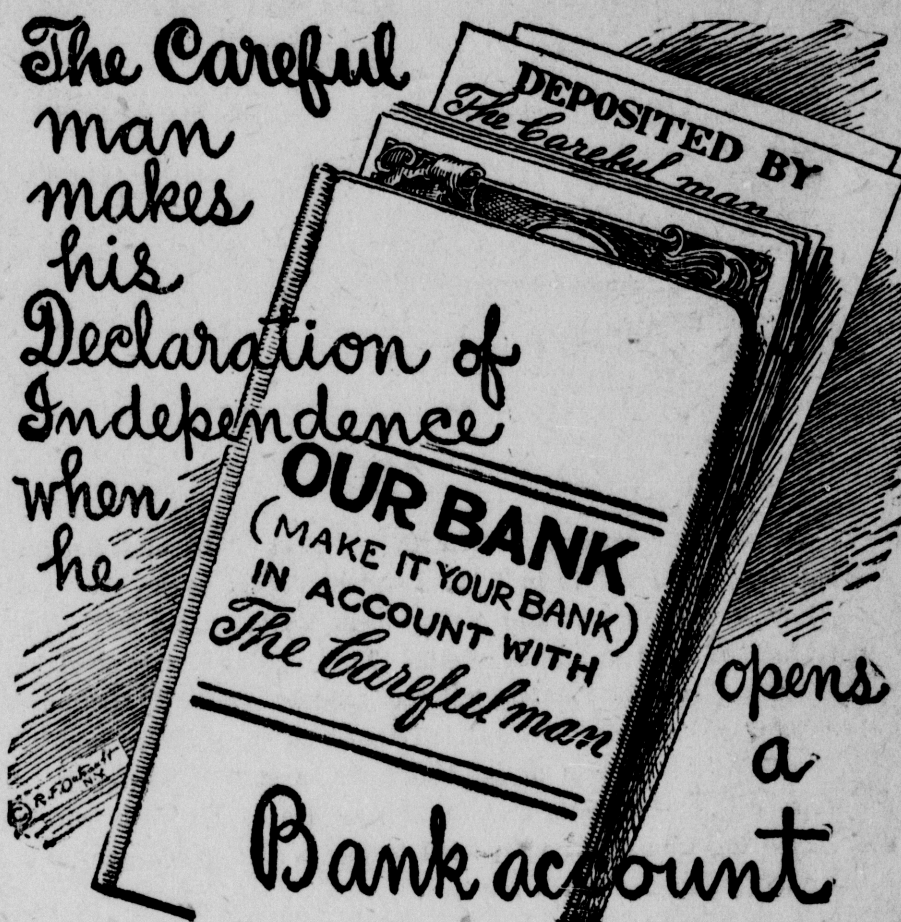
"We recommend that all pastors co-operate in the holding of the county mass meetings in order that this program and the fellowship of its service may be brought to all local churches.

"We urge that every minister sympathetically study this movement and humbly and earnestly pray that God may guide in all things and give us the grace to follow where He leads.

"Respectfully submitted, Rev. Brooks I. Diekey, D. D., Chairman, Presbyterian U. S., San Antonio; Rev. W. R. Hall, D. D., Presbyterian U. S. A., Temple; Rev. B. A. Hodges, D. D., Presbyterian U. S. A., Milford; Rev. J. Walter Hall, Nazarene, Hamilton; Rev. A. E. Ricker, D. D., Congregational, Dallas; Rev. J. C. Williams, D. D., Methodist Protestant, Tehuacane; Dr. R. S. Hyer, Southern Methodist University, Dallas; Rev. F. S. Erne, Evangelical, San Antonio; Rev. Chas. L. DeBoer, Methodist Episcopal, Dallas; Rev. R. L. Irving, D. D., Presbyterian U. S. A., Fort Davis; Rev. W. J. Johnson, D. D., Sam Frank, D. D., Christian, Dallas; Methodist South, Dallas; Rev. Grace J. B. Holmes, D. D., Christian, Fort Worth; Rev. Hiram B. Harrison, Congregational, Houston; Rev. J. Frank Norris, D. D., Baptist, Fort Worth; Rev. J. C. Calhoun, D. D., General Baptist, (col.), Galveston; Rev. J. T. McKissick, D. D., Christian, Midland."

has many friends and business acquaintances in Waxahachie as well as other parts of Texas."

Mrs. F. P. Timberlake of Wichita Falls, visited relatives here this week. She was accompanied home by her mother, Mrs. W. L. Rush.



SEE THE MEN WITH THEIR CHESTS OUT AND THEIR HEADS ERECT, WITH INDEPENDENT WALK AND CONFIDENT AIR. THEY ARE INDEPENDENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS.

WHILE OTHER MEN WASTED THEIR TIME AND MONEY THEY WERE PUTTING SOME INTO THE BANK.

MAKE YOURSELF INDEPENDENT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE. BANK SOME MONEY NOW.

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If your starter won't work, if your generator is dead, or if your ignition is faulty, bring your car to a man who is capable of putting it in first-class condition.

Call and Have Your Battery Tested and Watered Free of Charge

Hold a Minute

Don't Be Too Hasty in Ordering OUR NEW SPRING SUIT! Friday, Feb. 28--Mon., Mar. 1

See the prettiest samples that showing of ALL in several seasons. Paying Over \$40.00 for a Gentle Tailored-to-Measure Suit

whack at you and the measure and when I am you will be so the suit is to give me the off that I have saved for you \$10.00 and see this wonderful on the \$39.50 for 3-piece suit showing kind of styles. Over 200 to select from. Cost you respectfully,

SMITH BARBER SHOP

Charming Styles In Spring Apparel In Our Garment Departments

FASHIONS FOR SPRING

Never have we had a more beguiling assemblage of new season's models than now presented in our spacious GARMET SECTION, and each and every day many express shipments bring us new things to add interest to the collection.

Without, all nature is now beginning to take on a new garb; the freshness of springtime is almost with us, but in the Garment Section, it's here.

All the newest silhouettes, all the most clever style innovations for the new season, all the choicest fabrics in radiant and more subdued colorings, are introduced in our extensive display of Spring Dresses, Suits, Coats and Skirts

Suits *In the Handsomest New Fashions*

Beautiful creations of Tricotine, Poirer Twill and fine Men's Wear Serge, tailored in individual styles. There is the short bolero or Eton jacket; boxed and plaited back coats; short or long coats with leather belts or sashes of silk. The popular classic straightline effects and strictly manish tailored models. Smartly trimmed in beautiful embroidered designs. Trimmings of Hercules braid, vestees and collar effects of gold and silver embroidered silk. The quality of the materials and the new styles of garments will truly surprise the woman who expected to buy a high-grade garment and intended paying so much for it.

\$39.60 up to \$89.50

Dresses *Portraying the Charm of Spring*

The Dresses for Springtime are fashioned in most exquisite and graceful modes. Every garment is artful with its smart trimmings and beautiful style touches. Each dress discloses some new and interesting style feature of the new season. Among the favored models are clever puffed styles, drapes and tunics. Smart neck effects. There are dresses for afternoon, street and evening wear. Taffeta is the most favored silk material and Tricotine in the wool, but there are also many Dresses of Crepe Meteor, Crepe de Chine, Georgette and Satin.

\$19.50 up to \$49.50



Coats *In Most Every Charming Spring Style*

The new coats are wholly in keeping with the charm of spring. The modes present a host of graceful styles that are so original and which assure the wearer of an individuality entirely her own. There are belted models, flare styles, straightline effects; fancy suifs, pretty collars of contrasting shades, pockets and ornamental buttons add much to the beauty of these garments. Many narrow leather belts are used also. The materials include fine Polo Cloth, Peach-bloom, French Velour and two-tone Novelty materials. All the high colors of spring.

\$19.50 up to \$49.60



Men's Clothing

Never before have we been better prepared for the men. We are receiving daily the very newest models and fabrics in such well-known makes as Hart Schaffner & Marx, Henry Sonneborne, Isaac Fallor. The prices range from \$25.00 to \$75.00

Hats and Caps

We have time in the latest shapes and colors. You will find Stetson and Knox hats here galore—\$6.50 to \$12.50.

Nationally Advertised and Standard Merchandise Sold in This Store

HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX—MEN'S FINE, ALL-WOOL CLOTHING.

HENRY SONNEBORN & SONS—POPULAR PRICED CLOTHIERS. PACKARD SHOES FOR MEN'S DRESS WEAR.

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VAL DUTTENHOFFER SONS—LADIES' FINE DRESS SHOES. KNOX AND STETSON HATS IN ALL THE POPULAR STYLES.

PHOENIX SILK HOSIERY FOR MEN AND WOMEN. H. W. GOSSARDS FRONT-LACE CORSETS.

CADET (LINEN HEEL AND TOE) HOSIERY FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

NIAGRA MAID SILK UNDERWEAR. THOMPSON'S GLOVE-FITTING CORSETS.

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MILLER, MANDLE & CO.—STYLISH TAILORED SUITS. LANDE & MISKEND—IMPORTED SILK UNDERWEAR.

D. E. SICHER & CO.—DOVE UNDERGARMENTS. ALTMAN'S TAILORED SUITS—EXCLUSIVE SPRING STYLES.

JACOB HOLTZMAN'S DISTINCTIVE DRESS MODELS. SHERR BROS.—GEORGETTE BLOUSES.

HURWITZ—RELIABLE SILK PETTICOATS.

Blouses *Featuring the Georgettes, the Sheer Batists and the French Voiles*

Blouses of exquisite charm and daintiness—the "basque" is among the favored modes, while very many in-blowse styles of ideas entirely "new" win instant favor.

Basque Blouses of White Georgette, collar of real Filet and Venice lace and exquisite hand touches of embroidery.

A most exquisite Basque Blouse, braided net in the navy over navy maline and cream chiffon; embroidered border of black and Paon blue beads and deep red floss. Airy sash of amline.

Cream Batiste with panel ruffles edged in net and Val lace—a lovely arrangement.

Tailored French Voile with hand-scaloped pleats and many narrow tucks; bead-weighted tie of Georgette.

Some very exceptional values appear in hand-made Blouses of Batiste at \$7.50 and \$8.50.

Figured Crepes in sport4 fashion choose vestees and collars of fine white net.

New Slippers

We hope to have, by the time this circular reaches you, the most complete line of Men's and Ladies' Low Shoes ever brought to Decatur and, of course, we expect to maintain our reputation as fitters and Quality—Plus Style. —Duttenhoffs for Ladies'; Packards for Men; and Roberts, Johnson & Rand for the Whole Family.



Skirts *Of Lustrous Silks of Beautiful*

Appealingly new glowing beauties and made in strikingly Silks. The most wonderful quality in two-tone effects, fine S styles. The new Corded Silks let there are so many wof Taffeta of rich quality. In fact in this most wonderful ferent silks and styles includ not begin to tell you about tive showing that we could des of spring are fully repr The most striking new sha

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ASSOCIATED STORES



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Buy a **Gage** HAT
LOOK FOR THE GAGE LABEL

MRS. E. B. MELTON
Decatur - Texas.



**They couldn't be built
now for twice \$71,000**

When the talk turns from politics to railroads, and the traveler with the cocksure air breaks in with, "There's an awful lot of 'water' in the railroads," here are some hard-pan facts to give him:

American railroads have cost \$80,900 a mile—roadbed, structures, stations, yards, terminals, freight and passenger trains—everything from the great city terminals to the last spike.

A good concrete-and-asphalt highway costs \$36,000 a mile—just a bare road, not counting the cost of culverts, bridges, etc.

Our railroads couldn't be duplicated today for \$150,000 a mile.

They are capitalized for only \$71,000 a mile—much less than their actual value. Seventy-one thousand dollars today will buy one locomotive.

English railways are capitalized at \$274,000 a mile; the French at \$155,000; German \$132,000; even in Canada (still in pioneer development) they are capitalized at \$67,000 a mile. The average for all foreign countries is \$100,000.

Low capitalization and high operating efficiency have enabled American Railroads to pay the highest wages while charging the lowest rates.

*This advertisement is published by the
Association of Railway Executives*

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. W. Martin was here Tuesday from Dallas.

Mrs. Fred Rhine has been visiting in Fort Worth.

Roy Heathington spent the past week in Wichita Falls.

W. H. Rice and W. O. Bailey were in Wichita Falls Tuesday.

Mrs. S. Y. Ferguson of Wichita Falls, is the guest of Mrs. W. O. Bailey.

The famous Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery department.

Jimmie Riddle, a former citizen of this city, returned to Decatur this week after a sojourn in Breckenridge.

Mrs. R. M. Adkins of Fort Worth has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. A. Kidd.

The regular monthly meeting of the Masonic lodge will be held next Saturday night.

Mrs. H. Roberts this week returned to her home in Wichita Falls after a visit here.

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Misses Velma Scott and Eunice White of Burleson, have been the guests of Miss Lois Hunt.

Otto Lambert was here this week making preparations to move to Wichita Falls, where he has accepted a position with a large business firm.

Miss Nellie Bly Smith, instructor of expression in the college, was taken to a Fort Worth sanitarium last week for an operation for appendicitis, which was successful.

250 samples to select from, all-wool spring suits, \$43.50 one price. Willenberg & Hardwick, Tailors.

Rev. S. J. Shettlesworth of T. C. U., attended "Church Night" meeting at the Christian church Wednesday night. He will conduct a revival here this summer, date to be announced soon.

Miss Willie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Porter, died at her home in Brown county last Tuesday. Miss Porter was born and reared near Decatur. She is remembered by many friends as a splendid young lady of true christian character and influence.

Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ingram will attend the Joseph Hoffman recital in Dallas tonight.

Capt. Elbert Brown of the Great Greenwood section, was here Wednesday.

Web Wharton of Texhoma, Okla., was here Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. J. E. Lewis.

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E. P. Harding was in Dallas yesterday.

G. M. D. Matheson was here Wednesday from Paradise.

S. D. Handley, was here Saturday enroute to Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Reeves and children spent Sunday with friends in Greenwood.

A car load of Buick cars just received at the Meridian Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Hoyle and son, Ralph, spent Sunday in Bowie.

Miss Lee Gentry is visiting relatives in Halsell.

Floyd Head is erecting a bungalow in Southeast Decatur.

Uncle Billy King was here this week from Halsell.

Order your tailored suits for Easter at the Mississippi Store.

Miss Ona B. McGlasson of Denton, C. I. A., was here on a visit the past week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bob McClure left Saturday to visit their children in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. W. M. Sanders and Miss Jewell Moore spent yesterday in Fort Worth shopping.

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Mrs. G. V. Smith of Plainview, is here a guest of her father, M. L. Rogers.

Mebane cotton seed for sale at Helm, Ward & Dillehay's grocery.

You know what a Buick car is. Henry Askey has just received a car load of Buicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunter of Waurika, Okla., have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dodson.

See Chas. Chaplin at Majestic Wednesday night.

The Majestic will present Chas. Chaplin every Wednesday night for the next few weeks.

Editor Alex Whitehead was here yesterday from Chico. He states that two new stone crushers are to be installed near Chico soon.

Don't put off ordering that Easter suit; do it now; from the Mississippi Store's tailoring department.

Beginning March 1, we will close at 4 p. m. CITY NAT'L BANK. FIRST NAT'L BANK.

If you want to buy some of the best acreage in the county—near 3 drilling wells—the Wise-Comanche-Burk, Carey and Hoyle wells—communicate at once with Tom Wilmoth, Chico, Texas, or Gene Mincey, care Messenger, Decatur. The price on this acreage makes it a safe investment right now.

LEAGUE PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN AT FIRST MEHODIST CHURCH

Leader, Roscoe Gass. Song. Prayer. Our Country's Need of Christ, Emory Hoyle. Talk on Home Missions, Mr. Gose. Rewards of Religion, Cor. 3:18-23 1 Tim. 4: 7-8, Thelma Lewis. Announcements. Benediction. Everyone is cordially invited to be present next Sunday evening at 6:15. Come and bring someone with you.

FORMER DECATUR GIRL WEDS BIG SANDY BUSINESS MAN

Mr. Fred Fox, a business man of Big Sandy, Texas, and Miss Margrete Ponder of Dallas were married Feb. 15. The bride has been teaching school in that town for the past several months. She is a charming young lady; pretty and talented, and has numerous friends in Decatur. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ponder, former citizens of Decatur, and a grand-daughter of Mrs. R. M. Collins—and she has this claim to fame and fortune—she is a niece of the senior editor of the Messenger. The couple will reside in Big Sandy.

KEYSTONE WELL SPUDDED IN THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Manager B. R. Floyd and several other officials of the company and a number of Decatur citizens went down to the Keystone drilling site yesterday afternoon and witnessed the spudding in of the initial well of the Keystone company.

For several weeks the spudding in has been delayed owing to some machinery not arriving, but the hustling Floyd went on the job of looking up the necessary machinery, ordered two months ago, and as a result every-

thing was in ship-shape for the start yesterday afternoon. The knowing ones in oldtime say the Keystone will be a producer. The Burk-Waggoner, one mile southwest of Decatur, will probably be spudded in the first of next week, as the engine, which has been delayed in shipment, is expected to arrive Saturday, according to reports of the freight department of the Denver road.

PROGRAM OF FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING AT NEW SALEM

Opening song by Geo. Arnett. Prayer by chaplain. Two songs by J. E. Shoemaker, Will Phillips, Bro. Cunningham, Walter Mowery, J. E. Kendrick, R. A. Rieger, Walter Phillips, T. H. Greer. Quartette arranged by J. E. Shoemaker. Two songs by Lee Copeland, Prof. Dodd. Class music by Chas. Sparks, Victor Nobles. Quartette by J. E. Kendrick and others. Song by Bethel class. Two songs by Lone Star class. Two songs by Jonestown class. Two songs by Salem class. Closing prayer by John Sparss. Everyone invited to be present. G. E. ARNETT, R. A. REIGER, W. D. PHILLIPS, T. H. GREER. Committee.

NEWS FROM SYCAMORE

Mr. W. P. Doyal and daughter of Silver City New Mexico is visiting his sister here this week he likes the country wonderful.

Mr. J. G. Young and John Horseman went to Childers to a hog sale Friday they returned home Sunday morning.

Rev. W. L. Ayers preached at the Sycamore Baptist church Sunday morning at 11:30 Sunday night at 7:30 there were a very large crowd attended the service.

Mr. Hugh Sampler Sunday afternoon went over to look at his oats and he taken the gun along with him and was standing purrily still with the gun across his back with his hands at the end of the stock and the other one at the end of the barrel and went off and shot his middle finger off on his right hand they taken him to Decatur to Dr. Foligam and he finished taking the finger off and taken 8 stitches on it.

Sycamore high school is improving greatly upon thire basket ball games.

My Dear Friend I Have Wrote you about all of these news that i know for this week and i Hope you will print it all i wrote it the Best i Knew How Hoping and trusting that it will

The men that wear our tailored clothes are our best advertisers. See them, then come and let us show you through. Willenberg & Hardwick, Tailors.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

We have exactly ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN White Voile and other waists which go in this sale. These waists will be divided into three groups. They are slightly soiled by gas smoke and we must move them. They are great pick-ups for this summer wear. Positively no exchanges or approvals on this sale.

Group No. 1

40 waists, worth up to \$2.25, Saturday . . \$1.39

Group No. 2

28 waists, worth up to \$3.00, Saturday . . \$1.65

Group No. 3

47 waists, worth up to \$6.00, Saturday . . \$3.39

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My spring stock of millinery is complete with all the pretty new things in ladies' and men's head-

gear. Will be pleased to show you our line. Yours to please and to serve, MRS. D. F. DAVIS, In Donald & Greer Store.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any firm, person or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.—Collins & Smith, Publishers.

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Friday Morning, Feb. 27, 1920.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Governor:
R. E. THOMASON
For Senator, 31st District:
GUINN WILLIAMS.
For Representative of 50th District:
J. W. WALKER.
ROY C. COFFEE
For Tax Assessor:
G. M. D. MATHESON
VICTOR NOBLES
JOE CASEY
LEE CLEMENT.
For District Clerk:
W. V. CUNNINGHAM
LUTHER E. GILES
For Sheriff:
W. M. MALONE
For Commissioner, Prec. 1 and 6:
M. B. (BRYSON) WILLIAMSON.
T. L. ST. CLAIR
For Public Weigher, Prec. 1:
CLAUDE REEVES
For City Marshal:
GEORGE GAGE.
W. B. EVANS.
BUD RICHSTER.

Thomason for governor!

Keep cool and collected; we'll all be here after the fun and frolic is over.

The present contest is merely a skirmish. In the next heat the real battle comes.

The limelight positively refused to dazzle in the immediate neighborhood of Dwight Llewellyn.

A just rendition on the part of the property owners of Delightful Decatur will adjust the old town's ills.

Among the prominent citizens at the Bailey rally at Gainesville, was Richard D. L. W. of Dallas.

Yes, it's a man's job, and we must not waste any time on any little mouthing politician. Thomason of El Paso is the man for the job.

Apparently Mr. Bailey's platform is very simple and reduces itself to the following: Anti-prohibition, anti-suffrage, anti-Wilson, anti-league of nations.—Abilene Reporter.

The Henrietta Review says, "The Silk well in Archer county is pretty d—deep." We fear too deep to hit the "pay" sand. Probably, the drillers of the Silk are looking for brimstone.

Only four hundred of Hill county's forty thousand population turned out to hear Hon. Pat Neff, who claims that he is the strongest candidate against Bailey. If Pat is correct in his deductions, there will be much rejoicing in the Bailey camps.

Anti-Wilson, anti-prohibition, anti-woman's suffrage! That's your line-up, dear, budding politician who is being ribbed to get into the contest against the present candidates. If you fall for the ribbing, cut it out the strings that are now holding you to the democratic party—and you may kiss your growing political aspiration good-bye.

With all our faults there are but very few dogs running loose on the streets of Chico these days. They have either died with the flu or been knocked in the head to help lower the high cost of living. It doesn't cost much more to keep a common cur than it does to keep a full-blooded Poland-China; the former worth two bits minus, while the hog would bring about fifty dollars plus.—Chico Review.

The Review is of the opinion that Senator Bailey would run a much better race if he will stick to state issues and let national questions alone. Thousands of Texans who will not support the present bunch of political usurpers at all, believe in Woodrow Wilson and the league of nations. A war on these will lose Bailey more votes than he could gain by it. Let's have state issues cussed and let national politics alone.—Chico Review.

While there seems to be no profiteers in this state, judging from the number punished in the courts, one has been discovered in the state of Rhode Island. This proves clearly that the specie is extant, and numbers of them may be in their liars at this time, hidden from the eye of the hunters of the department of justice. They are waiting for the storm to pass. The Rhode Island specimen instructed his salesmen to gouge the customers, and following instructions they sold shoes costing less than \$3 for six, nine and eleven dollars. The profits of the firm ran from 300 to 500 per cent, and the case was so flagrant that the defendant was promptly convicted.—Olney Enterprise.

EWING'S GOOSE IN DANGER.

R. E. Thomason of Cooke county, Texas, is a candidate for governor and the Wise County Messenger says he is good enough for it. Be careful, Dick, about these Thomasons and Doubting Thomases. Joe Bailey will attend to his goose in Cooke county.—Tishomingo, Okla., Capital-Democrat.

Not in all the history of Texas politics is there a record of Cooke county deciding the elections in this state. That county will not decide the coming contest. And, by the way, old friend, where do you get the dope about Joe cleaning up on our perfectly good candidate in Cooke? Evidently, we will have to "come to Oklahoma for everything."

It must be splendid comfort to the republicans as they read of former Senator Bailey's denunciation in Texas of President Wilson and his administration, second only in vindictiveness to the opening gun of the republican national campaign, which was fired in New York Thursday night by Elihu Root, judging from press reports." Elihu Root always runs true to form. He is a great lawyer, a wonderful orator and his speciality is defending great criminals or great interests charged with violation of the law, either by individuals or the government. There is no abler man in America than Elihu Root. There is no more adroit political manipulator. His last work at home was to write a new constitution for the people of the state of New York. It was submitted to the voters for ratification. They rejected it by 350,000 majority. Hundreds of New Yorkers admitted that it was a splendid document, but they were fearful that it might contain Root jokers.—Fort Worth Record.

BANKERS AND BACON.

Bankers in other towns in Texas are supplying thrifty country boys with registered pigs. Decatur bankers should investigate the plan and stimulate an interest in the raising of better hogs in the country.—Wise County Messenger.

Write any banker in Tishomingo and they will give you their plan. Come to Oklahoma for everything. Dick.—Tishomingo, Okla., Capital-Democrat.

Rev. J. Frank Norris, one of the most prominent Baptist ministers in the south, refused to follow the advice and instructions of the Baptist general conference not to participate in the interchurch world movement of North America. Rev. J. Frank was one of the most enthusiastic attendants on the Dallas meeting of pastors of the state last week.

DECATUR-BRIDGEPORT ROAD

A gentleman from Decatur, here a few days ago, while discussing the wretched condition of the public roads in Wise county, suggested that Bridgeport and Decatur raise money to build a permanent road between the two points. He says people living along and using the road will be glad to assist in the undertaking. He said: "Wise county has spent so much money on road building, to such little purpose, that the people are afraid of a bond issue for this purpose, but if only a fraction of the road between Decatur and Bridgeport is built in a permanent way, it will not be long before the people will want more of it and the entire road will be made a first-class, permanent highway. When the people see a good thing they want it. If one man gets a registered animal, his neighbors will follow his example, and it is just the same in regard to good roads. Give the people a sample of a permanent road between Decatur and Bridgeport and they will not stop until they have the best road that can be built."—Bridgeport Index.

As the Messenger has stated, the tax-payers of the glorious old county are halter-shy of bond issues. Once upon a time a bond issue was perpetrated in a certain precinct, and Messenger has it on absolute authentic authority that the "down-trodden patriots" are "up" on bond issues. If the work on the Meridian Highway had been carried on as it should have been carried on, the road would have been finished months and months ago, and the citizens in all sections of Wise county would now be anxious for other bond issues. But, when the people saw the piddling and slipshod manner in which the building was being done, sentiment immediately arose against bond issues, and, as the Messenger stated it will be years before the tax-payers rally to this plan of building and maintaining roads. However, since publicity was given the miserable management of those in charge of expending the bond issue money, a decided improvement has taken place and today the highway is being built in a business-like way, and it is possible, and probable, that the good citizens living along the Decatur-

Bridgeport road would welcome a reasonable tax for constructing a permanent road between the two towns—provided, they were assured the building of the road was to be put in the hands of competent man. But, bond issue or no bond issue, the road between Decatur and Bridgeport should be one of the best in the state, and, Messenger believes the progressive citizens of Decatur stand ready to assist in the worthy undertaking suggested by the Index.

MORE LIGHT.

Down in Florida one of Hagar's children had been called before the powers that be on a charge of boot-legging and an effort was being made to discover through the culprit the owner of the "tiger," who was believed to be a lady of color in the neighborhood.

"Ben," asked the state's attorney, "did you buy any whisky from Mandry on Monday night last?"

"Naw, sub," decidedly.

"On last Tuesday ight, then."

"Naw, sub."

"Wednesday?"

"Naw, sub."

"Now, Ben, I want you to think carefully. It may be to your advantage to help us find out what we want to know. Did you or did you not have any dealings with this woman on Saturday night?"

Ben paused before replying, plainly nonplussed.

"Judge," he anxiously inquired, "is you still talking 'bout dat whisky?"—Judge.

While the officers in Parker and Wise counties were scouring the country along the northern part of Parker a few days ago for a fugitive from justice, they found a place where every evidence told them that in the recent past a still had been in operation. There is no clew as to who were the operators, nor just what had been made, but the evidence was conclusive that some kind of dope had been manufactured at that place. The location was in Wise county.—Weatherford Herald.

Some mighty good men are supporting former Senator Bailey in his race for the governorship, and there are some sorry ones in the line-up. In our ranks there are some mighty good men, and we also have an alarming number of fools and fops. A number of our f's and f's are now appointing themselves leaders of the forces against Mr. Bailey. These wild-eyed and intemperate mouthers should be muzzled until this fight is over. It's a man's job; shirt-tail politicians and long-haired agitators can't be reckoned with.

Phun and Philosophy

—By M. Dash—

WOMAN.

A woman is queer, there's no doubt about that. She hates to be thin and she hates to be fat. One minute it's laughter, the next it's a cry; But there's one thing about her which everyone knows— A woman's not dressed till she powders her nose.

You never can tell what a woman will say, She's a law to herself every hour of the day. It keeps a man guessing to know what to do— And mostly he's wrong when his guessing is through; But this you can bet on, wherever she goes, She'll find some occasion to powder her nose.

I've studied the sex for a number of years, I've watched her in laughter and have seen her in tears; On her ways and her whims I have pondered a lot, To find what will please her and just what will not; But all that I've learned from the start to the close, Is that sooner or later she'll powder her nose.

At church or at ball game, a dance or a show There's one thing about her that I know that I know— At weddings or funerals, dinners of taste, You can bet that her hand will dive into her waist, And every few minutes she'll strike up a pose, And the whole world must wait till she powders her nose.

—Exchange—
No matter how cold the day may be, a well-built girl dresses like she knew the men were all from Missouri.

Poverty hath its blessings. You never heard of a poor man being sued for breach of promise, did you? What doth it profit a woman to have genuine furs? The other women will agree that the furs are imitation the moment her back is turned.

Some men invite trouble to come and board with them. For instance, there is the 60-year old man who married a 20-year-old girl.

If you would follow your own advice for a day or two you would realize why other men do not pay any attention to what you say.

A fool sits down and worries about what the other fellow is going to do. A wise man hustles around and keeps the other fellow worried.

Ask a man's advice on some big question that he knows nothing about and he will tell everybody that you are a brainy man.

Every girl lands a whale when she gets married. But a year later the whale looks like a minnow.

Another way to hide a family skeleton is to make daughter wear skirts that come down to her ankle.

If a man went down the street wearing his wrong side to and

buttoned up the back, he would get a session in the booby hatch. But a woman can get away with it.

The girl who marries a man because she feels sorry for him is likely to spend the rest of her time feeling sorry for herself.

Make Up Your Mind to Cry,
Laugh and Be Fully
Entertained Before
You See

Respectable By Proxy

Featuring Silver Breamer and Robt. Gordon

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Majestic Thursday, Mar. 4

Surely You Are Not Afraid
of Your wife?

But Betty Blair was not his wife! She was an imposter, a chorus girl after the family fortune. So, to cover a romantic weakness, he claimed her as his wife--by proxy. See the play!



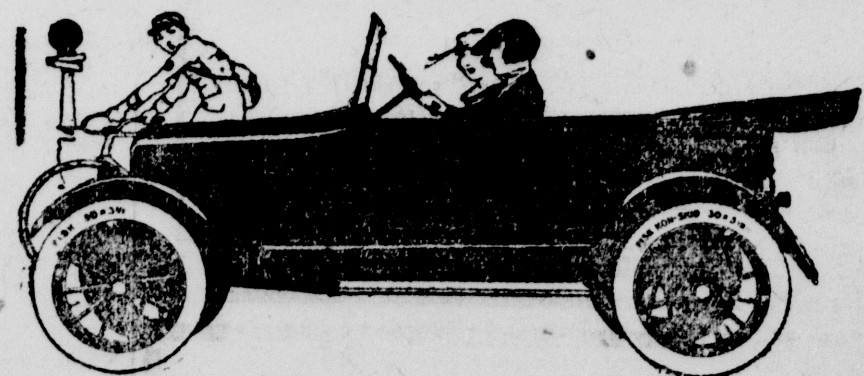
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OLIVER CREEK NEWS.

The Oliver Creek school has named its literary society the "Wilson Society," in honor of the president.

Miss Wilma Woodruff is suffering from cold and throat trouble.

Little Lucile Priddy was taken ill at school Friday, but is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Lisles and Miss Wilma Woodruff visited Mrs. J. R. Atchley Saturday.

Mr. Layfield is on the sick list this week.

There is no school at Oliver this week on account of the teacher being sick.

TO THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF WISE COUNTY, NOTICE—ROE

All those trustees of the county who are in Decatur the next few days will please call at my office and get the census supplies. The scholastic census must be taken between the 1st of March and the 1st of April. Would suggest that the one who takes census be very careful to enroll every child in the district who will be seven years old on the 1st day of September, 1920, and those not over 18 years of age September, 1920. Remember that every child that is not enrolled causes a loss to the county of \$7.50. Be sure to bring in the census returns as early in April as practicable. Very truly,
B. F. ROE, County Supt.

Reed Howard of Alvord, was in Decatur Wednesday. He reports drilling proceeding in the Pella well, and that leases are climbing in price in that section.

New Firm!

We have bought the NICKEL STORE stock of Racket Goods and Shelf Hardware from J. M. St. Clair and will continue the business at the old location.

We hope to merit a continuance of the patronage of former patrons as well as new ones. We invite you one and all to call on us frequently. We will make your visits pleasant and profitable for you.

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because of its efficient tonic-nutrient properties, daily helps tens of thousands to renewed strength. Those who are fearful or rundown in vitality should use the means that help build up a healthy resistance.

What SCOTT'S does for others it will do for you.—Try it!

The exclusive grade of cod-liver oil used in Scott's Emulsion is the famous S. & B. Process, made in Norway and refined in our own American laboratories. It is a guarantee of purity and palatability unsurpassed.

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SLIDELL PUPILS TO PRESENT GOOD PLAY HERE TONIGHT

"The Lone Star," a comedy in five acts, will be given in the high school auditorium tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock. The students of the Slidell high school will give the play, having already given it successfully at Slidell. An admission fee of 15c and 25c will be charged, the proceeds to be divided between the two schools. It is a good play, and it will be given in a first-class manner. Assist a worthy cause, and at the same time be royally entertained.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Last Sunday was a day of real happiness at the Methodist church. Our great Sunday school mounted up to 317. We must have 500 next Sunday. Everybody come and see if you think we won't have them. "Over the Top With Victory" our slogan. At the preaching hour, not a doggon vacant seat, except the galleries. Next Sunday we will overflow the rooms. Everybody wants to witness our "Sunbeam Service." It will be beautiful, sacred and entertaining. Decatur is on the verge of a mighty revival. Acting under the suggestion of the interchurch world movement for a simultaneous revival campaign, Bro. Majors says the revival campaign in his church is growing nicely. Ours is making rapid progress. God was with us in great power and five persons joined the church. At night Judge J. G. Gose occupied the pulpit and held his auditors as with a spell. It was a lay-sermon of real merit, a very timely theme, and full of spiritual zeal and knowledge. Judge Gose loves the church and its bible and its Christ, and his address was a clear exposition of that fact. The hearty responses of his large audience was a sufficient guarantee of their appreciation.

Next Sunday, our fifth Sunday in February celebration, our Sunbeam Rally service.

1. Our big victorious Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Come, help your church to win.

2. Our junior day Sunbeam Service, beautiful, sacred and entertaining. Mrs. R. E. Collins will sing and the pastor has a little affair that all will enjoy.

Everybody wants to witness our Sunbeam Service at night. Our union jubilee rally under the direction of the W. C. T. U. No services at other churches. Everybody at the Methodist church at 7:30 p. m. A. A. KIDD, Pastor.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Topic for the morning service at 11:00 a. m., "How to Meet the World Crisis."

There will be no evening services at the church on account of the fact that we will meet at the Methodist church for the W. C. T. U. service.

Bro. Major gave a very interesting report of the Inter-Church World Movement at Dallas, both at the morning and evening services on last Sunday, and many false impressions concerning this movement were explained to the satisfaction of his audience. Plans are going forward for a county conference of the Inter-Church World Movement at an early date.

A new class was organized at the Sunday school last Sunday under the leadership of W. C. Shults. It is composed of young men and young women, both married and single, and we predict a great future for this class, and a contest between this new class and the Bible class under the leadership of L. D. Ratliff, better get in one of them and see the fun.—PRESS REPORTER.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

There were 279 in Sunday school and a very enthusiastic session was had. The house was crowded at both preaching services. The pastor preached at the morning hour on "The Old Church for the New Age," and at night on "The Looseness of Modern Life." The pastor had occasion to say some very plain and pointed things on this subject which seemed to meet with the approval of the large audience. Sunday school next Sunday as usual at 9:45. Every officer, teacher and pupil is urged to be present. Visitors and new pupils will be cordially received. The message at the morning hour will be of a specially helpful nature to all and you are urged to hear it. There will be no preaching service at the night hour on account of the special W. C. T. U. service at the Methodist church. But the senior B. Y. P. U. will meet at 6:30 p. m. as usual and every member is urged to be present. You are cordially invited to all our services. HAKLAN J. MATTHEWS, Pastor.

WISE COUNTY OIL MAPS GOING TO ALL SECTIONS OF COUNTRY

The map of Wise county, showing locations and drilling wells throughout the county, are being sent into all parts of the country. Much good will result from this publicity campaign instituted by the Messenger.

NOTICE.

Estate of Gladis and Homer Rankin, Mrs. S. A. Rankin, Guardian.—Notice is hereby given that application has been made by Mrs. S. A. Rankin as guardian for Gladis and Homer Rankin, minors, to lease the lands owned by said minors for oil and gas and that such application will be heard at the office of the Honorable W. D. Paschall, county judge of Wise county, Texas, on March 6, 1920. MRS. S. A. RANKIN Guardian.

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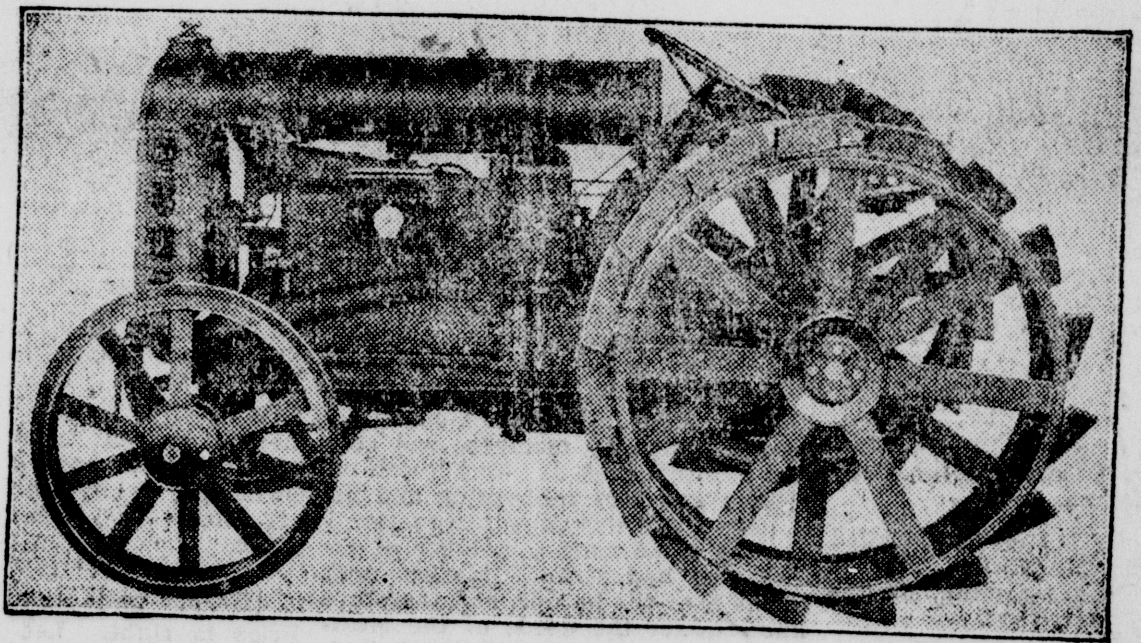
GETS the Pony, Saddle and Bridle. Get your friends to help you.

Votes are given on each and every article you buy.

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Don't let this summer be a repetition of last summer. We must have orders for Fordson Tractors before we can get them, therefore, we must urge you to give us your order for a Fordson so that we will be able to get it for you in time. If you do not give your order, the chances are that we will not be able to deliver you one.

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Local News

FORT WORTH & DENVER CITY RAILWAY SCHEDULE

North Bound		
F. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
*7:15 am	9:00 am	11:59 am
*10:00 am	11:37 am	2:20 pm
*6:00 pm	7:50 pm	10:45 pm
*7:02 pm	12:02 am	2:59 am
South Bound		
W. Falls	Decatur	F. Worth
*2:50 am	5:40 am	7:15 am
8:00 am	11:05 am	1:00 pm
2:20 pm	5:07 pm	6:45 pm
*2:40 pm	8:55 pm	10:45 pm

Trains No. 7 and 8 run to and from Decatur; trains Nos. 1 and 2 from Decatur to Dallas; trains Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 run to and from Wichita Falls.

MAIL SERVICE

North Bound
No. 1 brings regular mail; No. 3 brings closed pouch and Dallas News; No. 7 brings regular mail.

South Bound
No. 2 brings regular mail; No. 5 brings no mail, but takes closed pouch from Decatur.

It's a different play to be shown at the Majestic Thursday night—"Respected by Proxy," and one you will enjoy.

Sam Moore of Hatch, who has for some time operated a garage in that town, is now employed in the sales department of Decatur Motor Company and curb-man.

Pamela Malone of Hereford, visited old friends here this week. Jim says keep the Messenger coming, as "he can't do a-dout hit."

T. W. Hogan alias T. W. Holbrook, who was arrested at Newark on the day following the Rhine bank robbery as a suspect, is wanted at Sayre, Okla., on a charge of forgery. He was known in Oklahoma as R. S. Foster. Sheriff Malone was ordered to hold the man until the Oklahoma officers could come after him.

Lee Mann and son, Dewey, have moved to Decatur and purchased the racket store of Jas. St. Clair on the north side of the square. Lee has for some time been in business in Wardville, Okla., but the call to come back to Wonderful Wise became too strong, and he comes back to Decatur. Lee and his son, Dewey, are capable business men, and they are welcomed to Decatur by a host of friends.

Sheriff W. M. Malone announces this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Wise county. The recognized custom of giving a deserving official a second term will not be broken in this instance, for Malone made the county one of the very best officers the county has ever had. He is a fearless officer and loses no opportunity to enforce the laws of the county. He conducts the business of the office in a careful manner and is always courteous and considerate of those with whom he deals. Yes, Malone, should, and will, be given another term.

An open meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening, February 29th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The pastors of all the churches have called in their services for that evening and will be present to assist in the meeting. Special music will be provided by Mrs. Hightower of Fort Worth, and one of our state speakers will be present and make the address of the evening. Come everybody and learn more about the great work that the W. C. T. U. organization is doing. Make a sacrifice, if necessary, to be there and bring one.

The Decatur Independent Telephone association has called a meeting of all who are interested in the local exchange, and especially the ones who have subscribed for stock in the new company, to meet at the courthouse tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at 3 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is the organization of the new stock company for the management of the local exchange. The canvass for stockholders in the new company has been progressing satisfactorily, and the success of the company seems assured. Be sure to attend the meeting Saturday in Decatur.

Mrs. S. J. B. Walker died last Monday at the home of her son, J. B., near Bridgeport. The remains were brought to Pleasant Grove cemetery for interment Tuesday. The funeral services were attended by a large number of old friends of deceased. Mrs. Walker formerly resided in the Muse community with her husband, Sam Walker, who for many years operated a gin there. The family moved to Oklahoma some years ago, where Mr. Walker died. Mrs. Walker was visiting the family of her son at Bridgeport when she died. Deceased was a noble christian woman, whose influence for good will not stop with her death. She leaves several children and many good friends to mourn her departure.

The Mission Study class met at the home of Mrs. J. H. Cates Monday afternoon, with 40 members and several children present. Our lesson on Mexico was very interesting and instructive, and was made more impressive by talks from a number of ladies who had visited Mexico and towns near the border, and therefore knew better the needs of the Mexican people. Mmes. Cates and Jack Rieger served refreshments of Mexican dishes and delicacies, which were greatly enjoyed. The Missionary society will meet at the church next Monday at 3 o'clock. Our members now number 84 regulars, and 115 honorary. Our Young Woman's auxiliary is also increasing its membership.—Publicity Supt.

James Ellis Lewis of Dallas, died in Colorado Springs last Saturday. The remains were brought back to Decatur Monday and interred in the Deep Creek cemetery that afternoon. The funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Mann at 12:30 by Revs. Kidd and Shawver. Mr. Lewis had been in ill health for some time, and had just arrived in Colorado Springs in search of health when he died. He formerly resided in Decatur for several years about twenty years ago, going to Dallas, where he has since resided. Deceased was 54 years of age. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and a citizen who was true to the best ideals. He was well known here and had many friends in this city. He is survived by his wife, who is sister of Mrs. A. J. Mann of this city. A brother of deceased, John Lewis, of Kansas City, attended the funeral.

Card of Thanks

We desire to express our sincere thanks for the kindness shown us by our friends and neighbors during the illness and at the death of my beloved husband and our father, May God's richest blessings rest upon each and every one of you.
MRS. M. F. TRUSSELL AND CHILDREN.

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FOR RENT—Two rooms, unfurnished for light housekeeping; no children. Call Ind 'phone 53-3. (09)

ROOMS—One furnished, suitable for two gentlemen; one furnished room suitable for four gentlemen. Rooms and board, \$8.00 per week. Call or see MRS. JAMESON, at New place. Ind. 'phone 147-3. (10)

LOST

WILL the person borrowing my copy of "Frankenstein" please return it to the Messenger office? DICK COLLINS.

LOST—Between Sanders & Ingram drug store and Zack Lillard's residence, five silver dollars Monday night. Reward. Return to this office. (09)

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—4-year-old cow and calf; 3-gallons milk per day. \$90. See L. N. NICHOLS, Ind. 'phone (10)

LOST—On public road between Decatur and Alvord, one gasoline hose. Reward for return to C. A. BURTON, Decatur, Texas. (10)

FOR SALE—My home on West main street; 5 rooms and bath; garage; also my farm six miles east of Decatur; barn; windmill, etc.—WILL RENSCHAW, Decatur. (10)

SINGLE COMB Buff Leghorns; eggs for setting of 15, \$1.50. Few cockerels for sale. J. C. DUNAWAY, Ind. phone, 73-4. (10)

PURE-BRED White Leghorn eggs, from best pens, \$1.50 per setting. Do you want the best? JIM BAITS, Rte 5, Decatur.

BLACK MINORCAS; bred to lay when other chickens are loafing. Eggs \$2.00 per setting of fifteen. R. M. COLLINS, at First Natl. Bank.

FOR SALE—New Ford car. See BURCH GREGG, at Reeves' Barber Shop.

FOR SALE—Barred Plymouth Rock eggs; \$1.50 per setting. R. M. FAULKNER, Route 6.

EGGS for hatching from pen chickens; Johnson's best grade White Leghorns; \$1.50 per 15. R. C. NUTTING, at First Natl. Bank, Decatur. 9th

LOT in best residence section of the city for sale; 112 1/2 by 150; in high class residence section of city, where there are many fine homes. Convenient to schools and churches. Complete abstract of title ready to deliver. Special price for next few days. PAUL HARDING.

FOR SALE—One all-white Hooser cabinet, 1 refrigerator, 1 gas heater, 1 wood and coal heater, 1 upright folding bed, 1 oak bed and springs. See them at residence of J. A. SIMPSON, South State street.

FOR SALE—Little Brown hen incubator, \$3.50. Inquire at Messenger Office, Decatur. (09)

FORD for sale at auction in Decatur on First Monday. 5-passenger car in good condition. TOM LAIRD.

FOR SALE—Fifty-three head high-grade Angora goats, with twenty-five kids thrown in. See LANHAM GENTRY, Decatur, Texas, Rte. 8 (09)

FOR SALE—German millet. Speak before it's gone.—CHAS. DAVIS, Decatur, Texas. (10)

WANTED

PASTURE for 100 head of cattle; plenty of water; good range. See W. CARAWAY, Rte 8, Decatur.

WANT to buy good sandy land farms also have some good ones for sale. PAUL HARDING, Decatur.

TAKEN UP—Shoat, weigh about 100 lbs; sandy red; came to my place west of town about two weeks ago. Owner pay for this notice, and come get shoat. WILL KEY, Rte 6, Decatur.

All-wool suits that spell quality. Price is right. Let us show you. Willenberg & Hardwick, Tailors.

Pipe work of all kinds, and windmill repairing, at reasonable prices. 'Phone S. W. No. 9. Shelby Fowler. (08)

From the cheapest that is good to the best that is made in spring tailored suits. Willenberg & Hardwick.

Tailored suits that fit; at prices that are reasonable, at the Mississippi Store.

DEEP CREEK NEWS

L. M. Lambert and family visited W. M. Lambert at Anneville Sunday. Vera Belle Watson visited Linnie Mae Ballard Sunday.

Mr. G. A. Ballard has purchased a new phonograph. Mrs. Almonrod and children was the guest of Mrs. Vance Parchal Saturday and Sunday.

W. M. Stevenson of Weatherford, visited W. M. Lambert Sunday.

Young & Horseman, McDaniel Bros. and J. T. McNeely returned last Monday from Childress, where they attended the sale of registered Poland China hogs held there by Lon Alexander, one of the most prominent breeders of registered hogs in the Southwest. These Wise county breeders bought over \$2,500 worth of fine Poland China hogs and brought them to Wise. These Wise county breeders believe in getting the best blood they can buy, and those who saw the hogs they bought when they came in to Decatur yesterday, say this is one

Stop and Listen

Did You Ever See Such a BARGAIN Before?

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GUARANTEED 6000 MILES

At the following prices, which include an inner tube free:—

30x3 Plain Tread Casing, Regular Price \$13.55, Our Price, With Tube - - **\$14.18**

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Each person is limited to 4 casings with tubes at these prices. Now is the time to buy a set for your car. We carry a large stock of tires and tubes in all sizes; accessories of all kinds. Special this week only, (Friday to Friday next week)—Ford spark plugs, 59c each; Champion Ford plugs, 76c each.

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Prompt Relief

From Neuralgia and Headache has resulted in thousands of cases from the use of

DR. MILES' Anti-Pain Pills

The Quick Relief

This reliable preparation has been before the public many years—is free from Opiates, Narcotics or any habit forming drugs and no ill effects follow its extended use.

Easy and pleasant to take. Money back if first package fails to relieve or satisfy. Get a box today and have it handy.

SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS

of the finest lots ever brought to Wise.

SLIDELL NEWS NOTES

There is much sickness in the community just now. Two deaths have occurred this week: Mrs. Simpkins died at Plainview Sunday. Mrs. J. M. Balthrop died Monday morning at 5 o'clock and was buried here late Monday afternoon. The whole community is saddened by these deaths.

Presiding Elder Shawver held a quarterly meeting here Saturday and Sunday. The people were glad to hear him in four earnest sermons. Bro. Shawver was once pastor of this church and has held some great revivals here.

L. W. Watson is selling out his stock of general merchandise and will retire from business.

Steve Watson has bought a farm near Childress and will move to it next month.

The school has received four new heaters, which meet state requirements. This equipment entitles the

THREE YEARS WITHOUT HOPE

A Story of Sickness and Suffering with Final Return to Health
It will do you good to read it

No matter how long nor how much you have suffered, do not give up hope. Do not decide there is no help for you. There is. Make up your mind to get well. You can. There is a remedy in which you may place full reliance as did Mrs. Rosalia Kanis of 39 Silver Street, New Britain, Conn. This is what she says: "I had cramps for three years and thought I would never be any better. I could not eat without distress. Slept with my mouth open and could hardly breathe. No medicine helped me. I had catarrh of the stomach. Now I have no cramps and am feeling well and healthy. I wish every suffering person would take PE-RU-NA."

Catarrh effects the mucous membranes in any organ or part. PE-RU-NA, by regulating the digestion and aiding elimination, sends a rich, pure supply of blood and nourishment to the sick and inflamed membranes and helps returns.

For coughs, colds, catarrh and catarrhal conditions generally, PE-RU-NA is recommended. If you are sick, do not wait and suffer. The sooner you begin using Dr. Hartman's well-known PE-RU-NA, the sooner you may expect to be well and strong and in full possession of your health. A bottle of PE-RU-NA is the finest emergency, ready-to-take remedy to have in the house. It is fourteen ounces of prevention and protection.

Sold everywhere in tablet or liquid form.

"THE LONE STAR"

A COMEDY IN FIVE ACTS

PRESENTED BY SLIDELL SCHOOL

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1920—8 p. m.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Arthur Fairmour, Chicago Packer.....	Wallace Gregg
Mrs. Arthur Fairmour, his wife.....	Ona Ely
Helen Fairmour, his daughter.....	Ola Hayes
Judge Swiftbanks, Helen's suitor.....	Neal Freeman
Jack Carroll, Owner of Lone Star.....	Earl Doyle
Mrs. Carroll, Jack's mother.....	Virginia Freeman
Rosa Carroll, Jack's sister.....	Lena May Watson
Mr. Grigsby, Foreman of Lone Star.....	Alfred Burton
Mrs. Grigsby, his wife.....	Ruth Drake
Blarney Redman, a ditcher.....	Edgar Burton
Handy, a cowboy.....	Sidney Hayes
Ripp, Mr. Fairmour's butler.....	Cantrell Hayes
Jolly, Helen's maid.....	Lillian Hunt

school to \$350 state aid. A new encyclopedia has been added to the library. Work has begun on a new play.

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
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DECATUR, TEXAS

NOTICE !

I have bought a nice stock of dry goods at a great bargain, and will give you the benefit of the good buy. Get your share while they last.
H. L. JONES,
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More than ever do we feel qualified to state that this store is the leader in this city for FINE MILLINERY OF THE VERY LATEST STYLES.

Our recent purchases in the New York, Chicago and St. Louis markets gives us an exhibit of hats that have been seldom equaled in this city. Every woman is cordially invited to come and look them over. We have

Trimmed and Tailored Hats

to suit the most particular; charming shapes and trimmings to suit your personality at prices that please everyone.

Lillard's Mississippi Store



Gather Round The NEW EDISON

The young people belong around the living-room fire. Get them into the habit of enjoying their evenings at home.

Just put the job up to the New Edison.

Do the young folks want to dance? All right—here's the newest fox-trot. Sing?—here's the song that's got all Broadway humming. Learn?—all opera opens its pages.

Not mere talking-machine music, mind you! But RE-CREATED music! The very music which, given at some notable concert, draws people miles through any weather. The New Edison gives the life, the spirit, the enthusiasm, the soul of the music, gives you everything the living artist can give, excepting his physical presence.

If you'll stop in for a few minutes, we'll show you what a New Edison really is, and how you can have it sent right out to your home.

Lynch & St. Clair

Notice by Publication

The State of Texas, county of Wise, to the sheriff or any constable of said county, Greeting.

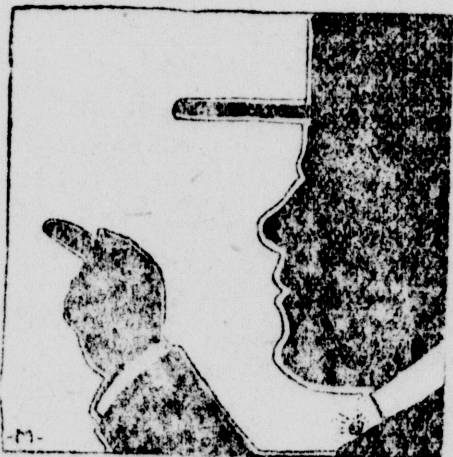
You are hereby commanded to publish in the Wise County, Texas, a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, at least once a week for four consecutive weeks before the return of said notice, the following notice:

Thacker, deceased. Mrs. M. A. Thacker has filed in the county court of Wise county, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of J. H. Thacker, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary as provided for in the will of the said J. H. Thacker, deceased, which said proceeding will be heard by said court on the 5th day of Feb. 1920, at the courthouse of said county, in said county, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said proceeding, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal at Decatur, Texas, this 19th day of February, 1920. CARL FAITH, Clerk County Court, Wise County, Texas.

We have some choice acreage near the Carey, Wise-Comanche-Burk and Hoyl wells. All these wells are drilling and this acreage we offer for sale is a good investment now at the price we ask. Apply to Tom Wilmoth at Chico, Texas, or Gene Mincey, care Messenger, Decatur. (11)



MR. SHEEP MAN

This advertisement will interest you and from it you will learn that we now have in stock

NICOTINE DIP

It kills the scab and saves the sheep.

SANDERS & INGRAM DRUGGISTS

RHOMÉ BANK IS ROBBED; AMOUNT LOOT UNKNOWN

Burglars burrowed their way thru brick and stone into the vault of the First National Bank at Rhomé Wednesday night and then opened thirty safety deposit boxes.

L. R. Douglas, cashier of the bank, said Thursday he had no way of telling what was lost. He did not know what the customers had in these boxes. It is probable that a lot of bonds were taken.

The burglars did not attempt to enter the safe inside the vault. No money was lost. They used a hammer and chisel to open the safety boxes. The job of digging a hole into the vault must have taken several hours, is it thought. The search of the boxes was thorough. Papers and deeds were scattered over the floor.

W. T. Waggoner of Fort Worth, is president of the bank.

COLLEGE NOTES OF NEWS

The B. C. track team is practicing daily and much interest is being shown in it. Hurdles are being made a track has been laid off, and full equipment for the team is expected daily. Decatur has good material from which to select a team, and in dealing with this material, she is not embarrassed by having all her men with this ability to star in one event, and with no one to participate in others. She has the men with which to form a full team of all-round good athletes. Efforts are being made to have the team at its best development by April 1 so that the team can enter the junior inter-collegiate track meet which is held at Fort Worth some time in that month. Especially strong hopes are entertained for a strong relay team, and these hopes are well-based.

Baseball practice continues with much zeal. Perry Booth was chosen captain of the 1920 team, at a meeting of the team Wednesday noon. Following is the baseball schedule for the 1920 season for the junior inter-collegiate athletic district of which Decatur is a member: April 19-20, Grubbs' Vocational college at Decatur; April 21-22, Grubbs' Vocational college at John Tarleton; April 23-24, Grubbs' Vocational college at Thorpe Springs; April 26-27, Thorpe Springs at John Tarleton; April 28-29, Thorpe Springs at Decatur; April 30-May 1, Thorpe Springs at Grubbs' Vocational college; May 3-4, John Tarleton at Thorpe Springs; May 5-6, John Tarleton at Decatur; May 7-8, John Tarleton at Grubbs' Vocational college; May 10-11, Decatur at Thorpe Springs; May 12-13, Decatur at John Tarleton; May 14-15, Decatur at Grubbs' Vocational college. In addition to these schedules, it is announced that other inter-collegiate games will be matched with other colleges than the ones mentioned.

The annual tennis tournament held on the college courts Saturday was well attended, and aroused much interest all day. Following are the winners in the different sets, who will be given pictures in the Summit: Boys' singles, (12 entries) Hallman Kelley; girls' singles, (6 entries) Vallie Blankenship; boys' doubles, (7 entries) Truett Hunt and Parrell Gose; girls' doubles, (5 entries) Amye and Bertha Edwards; mixed doubles, (7 entries) Winnie Mallow and Hallman Kelley.

Grady Crouch spent Monday with homefolks in Grandview.

Miss Nellie Bly Smith, who has taken to St. Joseph's infirmary at Fort Worth last week to undergo an operation, is reported as resting well, and the operation a success. Miss Smith had been in bad health for several weeks, but it was not until last week that her condition became precarious. It is hoped that she will speedily recover. However, Miss Smith will not be able to return to her work for several weeks and Miss Jackie Gose has kindly consented to take charge of her work until her return. Miss Watson is still at her home at Arlington, where she is recuperating from the flu. She is expected to return next week.

The construction of the Philo-Athenaeum grandstand is now being planned and it is thought that work on it will be started very soon. There is at present \$1000 in the treasury and the societies are now ready to sign a contract for the work.

Fred Adkins was in Arlington Saturday and Sunday.

Examinations for the winter term commence today (Friday) and will last until Tuesday. The spring term commences Wednesday, March 3 and closes Tuesday, May 25.

The Ero-Palladian literary societies gave their annual play in the college chapel Monday night. The comedy, "No Trespassing," was well acted and all present enjoyed it. A large crowd was present to see the play. The society orchestra assisted the actors in making the evening a success. An admission of twenty-five cents was charged, resulting in a fund of between \$75 and \$80. This fund will go toward improvement on the campus.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

T. C. Sands and Miss Della Moss. C. H. Lackey and Miss Tennessee Maness.

Chas. D. Sullins and Miss Mary Turner.

Edgar Reddell and Miss Una Hudson.

Lee Morton and Miss Lela Still.

J. A. Nell and Mrs. Nellie Muse.

Henry L. Stewart and Miss Flossie Grubbs.

C. L. Walker and Mrs. Lola Right.

R. L. Morris and Miss Winnie McGuire.

Jesse Puckett and Miss Cara Thorne.

H. R. Koons and Miss Pearl Willis.

James B. Walker and Miss Nellie Nichols.

J. J. Monroe and Miss Bessie Lowrey.

H. C. Slayton and Miss Seda Bell True.

J. E. Paddon and Miss Tennie Yant.

Watt Young and Rebecca Runnels, (colored).

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is your
best food

EAT MORE OF IT

Eat Mother's Bread, made by
THE CITY BAKERY

THE DEVIL, A REAL ESTATE MAN

Someone has said the Devil was a modern real estate agent; that he lead the Son of God to the top of a high hill and tried to trade Him a world that He did not own. We have never gone this far, but have sold many homes to Wise county citizens, none of whom have made less than \$25.00 per acre profit. We expect to make even a better showing than this in oil and gas leases. We have large tracts in North Texas and Oklahoma.

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9 acres 2 miles from Hoyl well at\$25 per acre

(This is near \$100 land)

A snap—15 acres near Rominger well at\$20 per acre

(Be quick if you want this bargain)

Bunnell & Thompson

DECATUR, TEXAS

LANDS and LEASES INSURANCE

We have opened an office on west side of the square, first door south of the Majestic picture show. We do a general land and commission business. If you will list your farms, ranches, oil leases, royalties with us for sixty or ninety days, we will advertise them in the best newspapers in Texas, and sell them. We have buyers for city property, improved and unimproved. We do a general insurance business—Come in and talk it over with us.

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HELM, WARD & DILLEHAY

UNDERTAKERS and LICENSED EMBALMERS

SERVICE GIVEN NIGHT OR DAY

PHONES: S. W., Day, 38; Night, 141.

Ind., day, 19; Night, 58

HIGH SCHOOL DEPT.

LOCALS.

The Alamo society of Decatur high school met last Friday afternoon and a very interesting program was carried out.

The boys' basket ball team from Bridgeport high school played Decatur Baptist College and Decatur high school last Wednesday afternoon. Bridgeport was defeated at both places.

The girls' basket ball team from Bridgeport high school played Decatur high school girls last Wednesday afternoon; the score was 12 to 17 in favor of Decatur.

ATHLETICS IN HIGH SCHOOLS.

However good our curriculum may be, it does not answer the demands of the students if athletics are not included. All schools need a good course of organized athletics for several reasons, namely, it develops the pupils physically and mentally, it arouses a school spirit and encourages scholarship. Very often school life is detrimental to the health of the pupils, though it should not be. However, this may be offset by athletics. It is essential that the pupils have open air exercises and this course answers the purpose. The importance of fresh air and exercises taught in the school life is a valuable lesson that will be pursued thru life. The pupils learn to obey without question those who are in command. They learn that to be successful in athletics there must be a willing co-operation, or team-work, a valuable lesson throughout life.

There is not only a physical gain to athletics, but a mental one as well. It is during these exercises that they learn to act in an emergency and think quickly. Thus the mind is stimulated and developed. The pupil also learns to depend upon himself.

Athletics probably does more to promote a spirit of loyalty to the school than any activity of the students. The student who is loyal to his school will be a missionary for it. Without athletics this spirit of pride is often lacking.

PICTURES IN THE FIRE.

It was a bleak December's evening; the rain was pattering down upon the sidewalk, and an old man sat before a glowing fire, dreaming of the years gone by.

He had a longing in his heart to be a child again at his mother's knee; just to hear her sing that old sweet melody. As the once glowing fire burned low, it seemed as though it presented a picture to his mind. This picture was a group of lively children sitting before a fire telling stories, and he longed to be one of them.

The fire burned lower and the little candle threw its beam far into the street, and the old man sat in his chair almost napping; seeing pictures of the times when he was a child.

OLD MAID'S HEART REVEALED.

June 15.—Dear Diary: No, I could never tell my thoughts to anyone but you. I am a poor, misunderstood, innocent young girl, left without a mother or father at the tender, trusting age of thirty-five. I have never had my share of the pleasures of life; yet, dear diary, I feel in my heart that I am soon to be happy. Yes, I am sure of it. Why only yesterday, that handsome Mr. Lovelace seemed to notice me very much. I never raised my eyes, but what his were on me, and O, dear diary, I had to drop my eyes and blush just like any other demure young thing. My face burned and I could hear my fluttering heart beat. But he never had an opportunity to talk privately with me. Ruth seemed much interested in him herself, and evidently took pains to keep him away from me. Yet, I knew in my heart he preferred me to her. Why, she is a mere child. Did he not say to me, "my dear Miss Sylvia, is it not rather cool on the veranda for you; perhaps you had better return to the living room." Yes, those were his very words. What a kind, thoughtful husband, he would make; so solicitous for my welfare. Dear Diary, just imagine the thought of my heart! I couldn't bear to cause him pain and worry, when he was so thoughtful of me. I turned, I don't know what I said, my heart was fluttering so; I only know I walked slowly into the house. I thought perhaps he would follow me, but he never came. I knew he wanted to be with me, but of course Ruth immediately took him off. She is such a perverse, designing creature, envies me of his love. O, if she were not my own brother's daughter, I would soon put her out of my way. True, she has beauty in a way, but her manners are so coarse, while I am modest and retiring, as every nice young lady should be, and my mature beauty surely surpasses her's. But, O, Dear Diary, do you suppose the wart on my nose detracts anything from my beauty? O, it cannot; it must not. Why did I have that wart? Why was I cursed by that blemish? O, how unfortunate I am!

Surely, my heart is not to be broken over again; it cannot be. Once I thought I loved Carlo, but I see since it all happened as it did, he was not for me. He married that frivolous Frances Burns. Yes, Dear Diary, such

is life. I remember when I heard the sad tidings of his marriage. I fell into a swoon. When I recovered the only reference I ever made to the first great tragedy of my life was these sad words:

"Tis sweet to meet, but sad to part, Yet, such is the fate of my poor heart."

And then I thought of what the poet, Burns, had said:

"Had we never met or never parted,

We had ne'er been broken hearted."

Alas, the words were only too true in my case, yet, somehow, Dear Diary they comforted me and I was enabled to live on.

Surely this man must be mine! Did not Longfellow say, "Patience, accomplish thy labor of love; accomplish thy work of affection; sorrow and silence are strong, but patient endurance is Godlike."

And, O, what a blessed thought it was to me, when I read,

"Talk is wasted affection," and all those comforting passages, such as

"Tis better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all."

And I feel in my very soul, "Since he who knows our need is just, somehow, somewhere, be mine he must."

OUR PRESIDENT.

First in the hearts of all the world, He stands alone today;

The man who fought for truth and right,

Nor swerved from honor's way.

He planned the great Victory peace, With purpose steadfast true—

Long live America's great son; Your nation is proud of you.

SOME MORE

Not what we give, but what we share For the gift without the giver is bare,

For he with his alms feeds three, Himself, his hungry brother and me.

I have chosen the above passage as a preface to my story, although I know the poet had no such thought in mind when he composed the lines.

I am a girl of marriageable age, of a good English family, belonging to the peerage, yet, too poor to be pretentious. Therefore, I, the only daughter must marry a fortune. I have a brother younger than I am, with no prospects for the future except as provided for by my marriage.

At present my parents are considering a man from our colonial possessions of sufficient means and of a respectable age of fifty for my husband, who am scarcely twenty. I have met the man a few times formally. In marrying me, a daughter of the peerage, he hopes to gain social prestige and later be knighted by our sovereign, thereby gain a title. Of this man, I can truly say, since he is to give my brother an allowance, he feeds himself, his hungry brother and me.

So, I shall be given him; yet, I shall not be his. We have no common interests or views; we shall lead different lives. I am given to him, in return my brother receives an allowance; my husband is helped in his social aspirations. Our gifts destroy us; we have nothing to share but obligation.

BOYD SCHOOL NEWS.

The students of the high school are doing extensive reading in magazines and periodicals in connection with the English and history courses. Through the kindness of a friend of the school the library is furnished free the following publications: Atlantic Monthly, Outlook, Harpers', Scribners', Century, Colliers', Life, Sea Power, National Geographic, Current History, Art and Archeology, etc. etc. The students are interested in this work in current literature and current history. The school hopes to help in turning out students who not only have a knowledge of the fundamental facts presented in the ordinary text books, but also a working knowledge of the current problems that come up for solution from time to time. It is the ambition of the school to turn out not only bread winning citizens, but students prepared for citizenship in the fuller sense of the term.

A school benefit play was given at the high school auditorium Saturday night, Feb. 21, which netted \$95.00. This money, together with other funds raised for the same purpose, will be used in purchasing additional equipment for the domestic science department.

The class in agriculture has begun work in preparing seed beds for planting purposes on the school farm. The school farm has been enlarged for this year's work. The class hopes to be able to carry out more extensive and more definite demonstration projects this year than they were able to do last year.

The pupils under the direction of the teachers of the various rooms are working out plans for individual flower beds. They hope to beautify the school grounds and make them more attractive to pupils and patrons.

It is needless to say children delight in the beautiful; they are educated by the beautiful and appropriate. The sense of beauty develops under favorable conditions and affects for good the whole attitude toward life. The love of the beautiful is necessary to complete man.

The pupils of Miss Wren's and Mrs. Ratliff's rooms rendered a Washington Birthday program Friday afternoon. A large number of patrons were present to see what the tots could do. The visitors were very complimentary in their remarks about the program and were delighted with the construction work being done by the little ones.

The dominant motive which actuates the management of the school in fostering these various school activities is the desire to make the school building the social center in the community, and thus connect the work of the school with the actual life of the community.

Miss Jennie Lee McCarter has returned from a Fort Worth sanitarium, and is recovering nicely from an operation for appendicitis.

New Spring Goods

We are ready for spring with new goods arriving daily. With our stock now most complete, we will show for this season the largest and most complete stock of men's and boys' wearables ever shown in Decatur. We have what you want, and if you will compare prices you will find in most all lines that we have the same prices as prevailed last season.

Tailored-to-Measure Clothing

We are selling Spring suits at prices that cannot be duplicated. A look through our samples will show you where we can save you money on your Spring suit. We guarantee to save you \$2.50 to \$10.00 on your suit.

Men's and Boys' Shoes

Come here for your shoes. We carry the largest stock of shoes for Boys' Shoes in the county. We have what you want at the prices you want to pay.

Work Clothes for Men and Boys

By the right buying, we have for this season, everything that goes to make this department complete. You will find the prices most the same as last season.

Khaki pants.....\$1.50 to \$3.00

Gloves.....50c to \$2.75

Best Quality Blue Shirts.....\$1.25 to \$1.50

Men's and Boys' Union Suits, same price as last season, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and up to.....\$2.00

Come here for your work clothing.

New Shirts

We have the most attractive line of shirts we have ever shown in all the new patterns.

New Hats and Caps

Just received a large shipment of Hats and Caps for Spring. All the new styles and colors. Prices in reach of all.

New Slippers for the Ladies and Children

We are receiving most every day new Shoes in all the new styles and patterns for the ladies. We have all sizes and widths AA to D in pumps, oxfords, and other patterns. We can fit you in what you want. Misses and children, we have the spring heel in patent and plain leather; also with heels; Blacks and Browns.

GREER'S CASH STORE

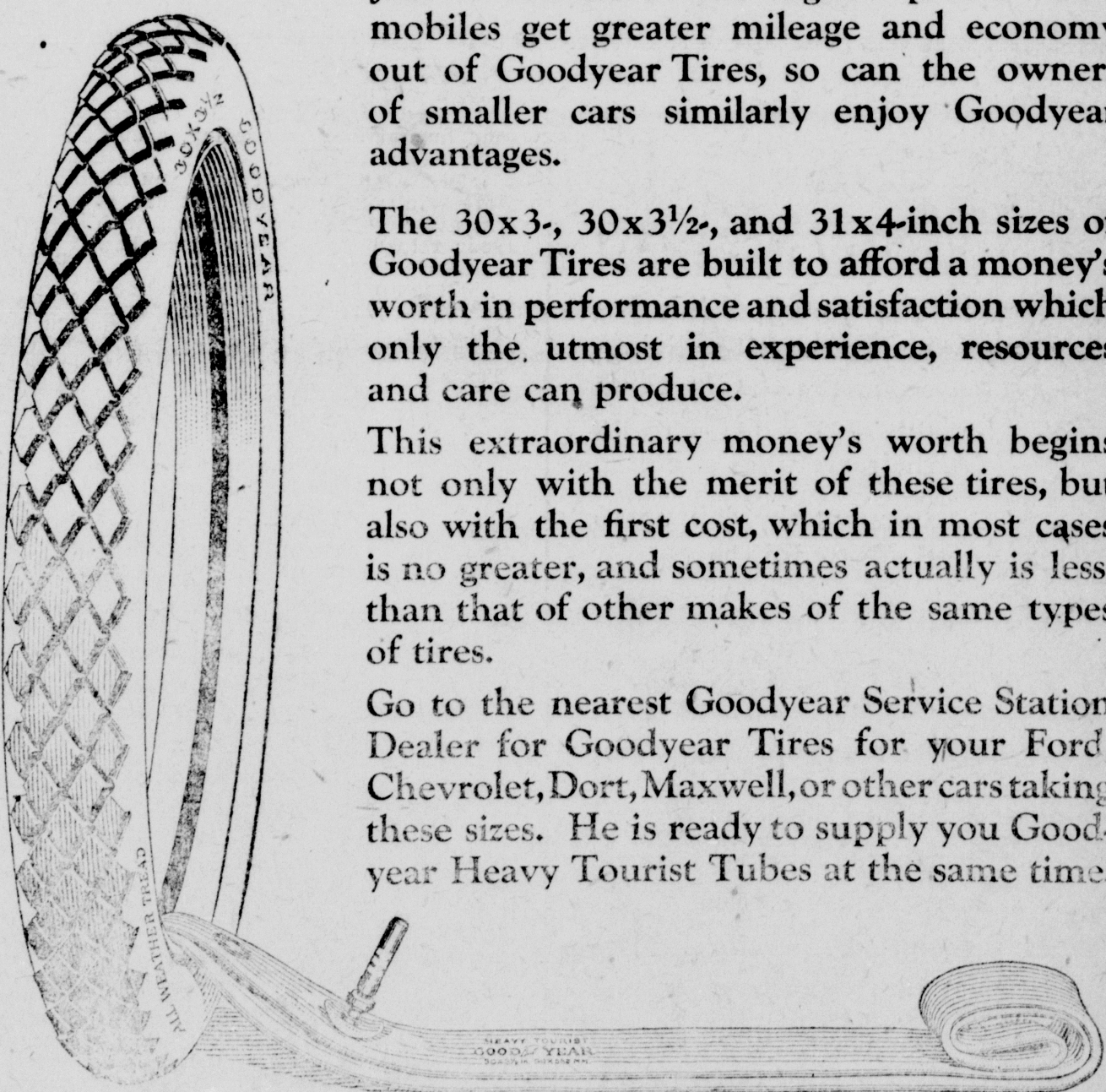
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Go to the nearest Goodyear Service Station Dealer for Goodyear Tires for your Ford, Chevrolet, Dort, Maxwell, or other cars taking these sizes. He is ready to supply you Goodyear Heavy Tourist Tubes at the same time.



30x3½ Goodyear Double-Cure Fabric, Anti-Weather Tread.....\$20.00

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Goodyear Heavy Tourist Tubes are thick, strong tubes that reinforce casings properly. Why risk a good casing with a cheap tube? Goodyear Heavy Tourist Tubes cost little more than tubes of less merit. 30x3½ size in water- \$3.00 proof bag.

GOODYEAR

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